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U.S. Army General Throws Ceremonial First Pitch at Game 2

Before the St. Louis Cardinals take the field against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 2 of the National League Division Series October 7 at 7 p.m., U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Robert Crear will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Brig. Gen. Crear is the commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley Division and President-designee of the Mississippi River Commission. His area of responsibility reaches from the Canadian border and headwaters of the mighty Mississippi River in Minnesota to its mouth in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. As division commander he oversees six district offices that include the St. Louis District, with headquarters just blocks away from Busch Stadium.

Prior to taking division command, Brig. Gen. Crear served as commander of Task Force Restore Iraqi Oil during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Task Force RIO, a first-of-its-kind mission for the Department of Defense, was first to extinguish all oil fires and then to restore oil infrastructure, production, export capability, and the internal distribution system, in addition to importing fuel for humanitarian purposes. The TF RIO team, 120+ Corps volunteers, over 500 contractors and 60,000 Iraqi oil workers, all worked together to safely and effectively help to ensure the economic recovery of Iraq.

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